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Subpart 2919.2—Policies

2919.201 General policy.

(a) The Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), is responsible for performing all functions and duties prescribed in FAR 19-201(c) and for:

(1) Developing and monitoring policies, procedures and regulations for effective administration of the Department's small business and small disadvantaged business program;

(2) Coordinating issues with the small and disadvantaged business specialist (SDBS) in each contracting office regarding the Department's small and small disadvantaged business program;

(3) Conducting surveys and reviews of DOL contracting offices related to the small business and small disadvantaged business program, recommending changes and corrective action, as appropriate; and

(4) Representing the Department before other Government agencies on matters primarily affecting small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned business, historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), and advising the Under Secretary and other officials on matters relating to the program.

(b) The Head of the Contracting Activity, or designee, in addition to the requirements of FAR 19.201(b), shall be responsible for:

(1) Establishing annual goals for the small disadvantaged business programs; and

(2) Appointing, as prescribed in FAR 19.201(d), a small and disadvantaged business specialist (SDBS) for each contract office.

(c) The small and disadvantaged business specialist (SDBS) shall serve as advisor to the Head of the Contracting Activity, and shall be the contracting activity's central point of contact for inquiries and advice pertaining to the small business and small disadvantaged business program. The SDBS shall be responsible for:

(1) Maintaining a program to locate capable small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned business sources to fulfill the Department's acquisition requirements;

(2) Coordinating inquiries and requests for advice from small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned business concerns and HBCU on DOL contracting and subcontracting opportunities and other acquisition matters;

(3) Ensuring that contracting offices are kept abreast of new or revised small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned business and HBCU regulations, policies, procedures and other related information;

(4) Assisting in the Agency's advance acquisition planning process;

(5) Reviewing all requirements to assure that small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned business, businesses located in labor surplus areas (LSA) and HBCU will be afforded an equitable opportunity to compete, and as appropriate, initiating recommendations for small business set-asides;

(6) Reviewing proposed requirements for possible breakout of items or services suitable for acquisition from participants of the small and disadvantaged business programs;

(7) Attending, as appropriate, debriefings to unsuccessful small business and small disadvantaged business concerns to assist those firms in understanding requirements for responsiveness and responsibility so that the firm may be able to better qualify for future awards;

(8) Participating in the evaluation of small business and small disadvantaged business subcontracting plans for prime contractors and other evaluation activities, as appropriate;

(9) Maintaining a list of products and services which have been placed as repetitive small business set-asides;

(10) Developing and maintaining records necessary to demonstrate maximum support for DOL's preferential programs, ensuring compilation of current, accurate, and complete data; and preparing all reports pertaining to program activities;

(11) Participating in the development, implementation, and review of

automated source systems to assure that the interest of small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned business, and HBCU are fully considered;

(12) Participating, as required, in governmental-industry conferences to assist small business, disadvantaged business, women-owned business, and HBCU, including Congressionally-sponsored Federal acquisition conferences, minority business enterprises acquisition seminars, and business opportunity committee meetings;

(13) Initiating action, in writing, with appropriate personnel to assure the availability of adequate specifications and drawings, when necessary, to obtain small business, small disadvantaged business, women-owned business and HBCU participation in current and future acquisitions.

2919.202 Specific policies.

2919.202-2 Locating small business sources.

(a) It is the policy of the DOL to utilize the services of the SBA Procurement Automatic Source System (PASS) to identify small and small disadvantaged business sources. Obtaining sources from PASS or from local mailing lists does not negate the requirement that the contracting officer advertise the acquisition in accordance with FAR 5.

(b) Historically black colleges and universities shall be considered as sources for fulfilling requirements except for small business set-asides.

2919.202-5 Data collection and reporting requirements.

In addition to the requirements of FAR 19.202-5, DOL Agencies/Offices shall accurately measure the extent of participation by historically black colleges and universities in their acquisitions in terms of the total value of contracts placed with such organizations during each fiscal year, and report data to the OSDBU at the end of the second and fourth quarters of each fiscal year. The OSDBU shall forward the Department's consolidated data to the Department of Education.